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New Spirit Brought To Alliance by Rostow

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The Alliance for Progress has a new leading spirit in Walt Whitman Rostow, who brings to his new job an intellect and background that have kept him high in the councils of Government.

Mr. Rostow, chairman of the Policy Planning Council of the State Department, was picked by President Johnson this week to serve also as American representative on the Inter-American Co-ordinating Committee of the Alliance.

Mr. Rostow frequently is called on for counsel by the White House and has been a policy-maker in both the military and civilian areas of Government.

Observers of the much-maligned Alliance believe Mr. Rostow's role may be considerably broader under his chief, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Thomas C. Mann, than Mr. Rostow's predecessor, Teodoro Moscoso, was.

Great Deal of Planning

It is expected he will take over a great deal of the planning from the Alliance co-ordinator, Mr. Mann.

Mr. Mann and Mr. Rostow are long-time friends who work well together, and Mr. Mann is said to have personally asked President Johnson to make the appointment.

Unlike Mr. Mann, Mr. Rostow does not speak Spanish, but he has a vast amount of knowledge about the Latin people and their economy.

Has Met Most Members

As a long-range planner for Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, Mr. Rostow is used to working out problems such as those facing the Alliance. Associates believe he and Mr. Mann will make a first-rate team for carrying through Mr. Kennedy's dreams for the Alliance.

Mr. Rostow has not met most

of the members of the Inter-American Co-ordinating Committee with whom he will work and may not meet them all until they convene in Mexico in July.

His speeches reflect his interest and his ideas in terms of land reform, agricultural and industrial development, improvements of tax structures and the basic element of creating mass markets for local products by putting spending money in the pockets of those who do not have it now.

He is expected to apply these principles to Latin America and his appointment should lay to rest any lingering thoughts that the Alliance is dying on the vine.